

YOUNG OFFICERS AT PISTOL PRACTICE

CREW READY TO FIGHT VIRE-

service were to asprehend smugglers and pirates, but it is not the less suitable in this age when in addition to the quest for such enclinies of the law the revenue cutter organization/is obligated to lend aid to every form of life saving at sea-for it is recognized that the ideal policeman is charged not only with the duty of protecting life and property, but also with responsibility for aiding humanity in distress under any circumstances, The United States revenue cutter service has

had a most interesting history. After the freedom of the American colonies had been won through the Revolutionary war, the country returned to a peace basis and the continental navy was disbanded. From that time forward there was no sea force available for the protection of the coasts and the maritime interests of the new republic until there came as a response to a long-felt want the organization of the revenue cutter service. This was one of the acts of our first congress. President George Washington signed the act in August, 1790, and within little more than a year ten vessels were ready for duty. Thereafter for a period of nearly seven years the little fleet formed the only armed force affoat flying the stars and stripes, and the ship: were constantly engaged in patroling the coastline of the country and enforcing its maritime laws. The first oppointments of officers in the revenue cutter service were made from among those who had served in the continental navy, and since that time many men who prepared themselves for our naval serv-Ice have amended their life plans to the extent of taking commissions in the maritime police

The work of the revenue cutter service, as defined by the various laws which have been enacted on the subject, consists in the enforcement of almost every statute bearing upon the maritime interests of the nation. At the head of the category comes, of course, the protection of the customs revenue and if smuggling in any form is suspected the revenue cutter officers have the right of search of all merchant vessels arriving within or near the United States or bound for an American port. The suppression of piracy is not a heavy responsibility any more, but the search for wrecked and missing vessels is a responsibility which has expanded as the other has contracted. The enforcement of the neutrality laws is always something of a chore, thanks to the South and Central American revolutions that are hatched in the United States. Another important task is found in the enforcement of law and the protection of property in Alaska, including the protection of the seal and other fisheries in Alaskan water-a form of oceanic patroling which has been productive of many exciting episodes in re-

The suppression of mutiny is another duty delegated to Uncle Sam's police of the sea, but mutineers alike to pirates have become rather scarce In the neighborhood of Uncle Sam's domains in late years. On the other hand there has been a tremendous increase in the volume of work required in connection with the destruction of derelicts and other menaces to navigation and in the rendering of assistance to vessels in distress.

charged by law with the construction and inspection of life-saving stations and the drilling of the life-saving

crews, but in addition it has virtually developed a life-saving service of its own, and every revenue cutter might be designated as a floating life-saving station. The police of the sea have to afford protection for the sponge fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico and the Straits of Florida: they play an important part in enforcing quarantine regulations when Uncle Sam is "putting up the bars" against some plague-infested country abroad, and they guard the safety of the public at all great yacht races and regattas.

Persons who bear in mind the principal events of the Spanish-American war will recall that the revenue cutters with their officers and men played an important part in the defense of the country during that conflict. But this was no innovation. In the preceding wars in which this nation engaged the revenue cutter service always had a hand and indeed there is a standing arrangement whereby, in the event of war, the police of the sea co-operate with the navy. It is a question, after all, however, whether the greatest victories of the revenue cutter service have not been won in times of peace. Take, for example, the great yellow fever epidemic that in the

Escaping the Drudgery

Woman Tells How Household Work May Be Made Less Unpleasant.

The old-time household duties also disappeared to a great extent. Scrubbing wa no longer a necessity. I found a waxed floor with simple but effective rugs, just as practical as in other parts of the house, says a writer in Success. The next step was to eliminate that second frightful bugbear of housekeeping-washing the pots and pans. No dish or kettle used in cooking was allowed to become cold before being washed with a combination wire and bristle brush. The hand thus came in contact only with the handle of the vessel, doing away with the most unpleasant part of dishwashing, while the immediate cleansing minimized labor by preventing particles of food from drying and sticking to the sides of the utensil.

Table tops of glass and marble also helped to reduce labor in the kitchen. These were constantly kept spotless by the free use of paper napkins as "wipe-up rags." The employment of paper is one of the most valuable means of saving work, Paper napkins when bought in quantities are cheap, they are absorbent, easily handled and may be quickly disposed of.

Another of our schemes was to have all garbage instantly dropped down a tube from the sink to an incinerator in the cellar, doing away with that most unpleasant chemical combination of a mixture of nondescript scraps, so unpleasant to the senses of sight, smell and touch. We have not as yet reached Mrs. Rorer's ideal of minimum

Commissioned officers of the United States revenue cutter service have rank with the officers of the army and navy and receive the same benefits of retirement as are accorded these officers. The officers are trained for the service at the revenue

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been saved. The "beats" covered by the police of the sea on this winter "watch" are not confined to the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf of Mexico, but include also the great lakes and the Bering sea and Arctic ocean. A kindred work of almost equal im-

cutter cadet school, located at New London, Conn. Young men enter at any age between eighteen and twenty-four, and in addition to exactions in book learning must undergo a military and nautical training that in some respects is even more arduous than that given at Uncle Sam's big academies at Annapolis and West Point. Of course the classes at the cadet school are comparatively small -sometimes there are not more than two dozen embryo officers enrolled at the institution, but this is to be expected, for the revenue cutter service does not need the great numbers of officers required for our rapidly growing navy. Indeed, there are less than three hundred commissioned officers on the revenue cutter roster, where as the warrant officers and enlisted men will probably not total more than fifteen hundred, although Uncle Sam is constantly adding to his fleet of revenue cutters, and this expansion is reflected in the active list. The navigating responsibilities of the officers of

the nation's sea police boats probably exceed those of any other men in the naval or maritime service. Unlike many of the men who go down to the sea in ships, they do not confine themselves to a given ocean path. On the contrary, the young revenue cutter officer may be called upon at short notice to navigate his own ship in any waters from southern Florida to northern Alaska, and he must enter many bays and arms of the sea where no naval or merchant vessel would ever be required to go. For these versatile demands the revenue cutter officers are especially trained during their cadet course. Each year during the three-year course the cadets spend several months on a cruising "practice ship," which jogs back and forth across the Atlantic, partly under steam and partly by sail power. The boys attend to all the operations connected with the navigation of the vesselgaining that grounding of practical experience that will be so valuable in later years-and incidently they continue that small arms and ordnance practice which is a feature of their schooling on shore. The motto of the United States revenue cutter service is "Semper Paratus," which may be translated as "Always Ready," and certainly the Yankee police force of the high schools has eloquently proven in recent years that the words of this slogan convey no idle boast.

waste, but we are striving to approach it, for therein lies another real source of economy.

A great deal of dirt and the labor of removing it was prevented by having all vegetables washed before they were brought into the house. To this end I devised a little drop table near the pump on the back porch, only a step from the garden. We live in the country and grow some of our own vegetables, but the principle of leaving all possible dirt outside is one that could be applied almost everywhere. All market deliveries were left in a basket just outside the door, obviating the running in and out of delivery boys.

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HUBBY QUICK TO SEE POINT

Most Married Men Will Understand Just Why That Particular Hat Was So Becoming.

Mrs. Jones came downstairs one evening, after dinner, and displayed herself to her husband, embellished with the result of her all-day skirmishing in the milliners' shops.

"John," she asked, "how do you like this hat on me?" "Oh, I don't know," he answered.

"Have you bought it?" "No, not exactly. I brought it home on approval. I intend to take either this or another one, which is five dol-

lars more than this, but I thought-" "Say, Florence," he interrupted, "that's the most becoming hat I ever saw you have on. Telephone to them first thing in the morning that you'll take it, so as to make sure they'll not sell it to anybody else."-Youth's Companion.

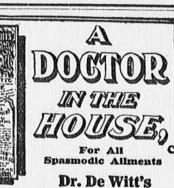
Reckoning by Degrees. It was one of those warm spring

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